HOUSE BILL 1350

By Hurley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 66, relative to persons unlawfully present in the United States.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

5-1-129.

Any county may, by resolution, prohibit landlords from leasing real property to persons who are not lawfully present in the United States; provided that the determination of lawful presence must be made by the United States department of homeland security.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

6-54-139.

Any municipality may, by ordinance, prohibit landlords from leasing real property to persons who are not lawfully present in the United States; provided that the determination of lawful presence must be made by the United States department of homeland security.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

7-1-113.

Any metropolitan government may, by resolution, prohibit landlords from leasing real property to persons who are not lawfully present in the United States; provided that

the determination of lawful presence must be made by the United States department of homeland security.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-6-109, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

- () Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, the attorney general and reporter shall:
 - (1) Assist any municipality or any county, including any county having a metropolitan form of government, upon written request, in drafting an ordinance or resolution pursuant to § 5-1-129, § 6-54-139, or § 7-1-113; and
 - (2) Defend any ordinance or resolution enacted by a municipality or any county, including any county having a metropolitan form of government, pursuant to § 5-1-129, § 6-54-139, or § 7-1-113 in any suit brought against such ordinance or resolution.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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